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The Honorable Assembly Member Chris R. Holden, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

SUPPORT AND AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 1594 (GARCIA) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 13, 2023, AND REVISED ON APRIL 25, 2023 – MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES: PUBLIC AGENCY UTILITIES.

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 1594 (AB 1594), as revised on April 25, 2023, **and suggest further amendment** to address the recommendations in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require any state regulation that seeks to require, or otherwise compel, the procurement of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles by a public agency utility, as defined, to ensure that those vehicles can support a public agency utility's ability to maintain reliable water and electric services, respond to disasters in an emergency capacity, and provide mutual aid assistance statewide and nationwide, among other requirements. Would additionally define a public agency utility to include a local publicly owned electric utility, a community water system, and a wastewater treatment provider.

The Task Force agrees that zero-emission vehicles will help to reduce air pollution while improving public health in California. AB 1594 will ensure that essential service providers have alternatives to use vehicles that can meet the demands during critical and emergency response. The Task Force recommends amending the bill to expand the proposed provisions to incorporate solid waste service vehicles and other entities with emergency response activities and responsibilities. Solid waste service vehicles are a critical part of the infrastructure that keeps California clean and healthy. It is imperative that solid waste service vehicles have the capability to maintain reliable hauling services and respond to emergency requests by public agencies relating to disaster events.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force is pleased to **Support** AB 1594 and request the bill be **amended** to include the recommendation in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@gmail.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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